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The amendment filed on 3/7/11 amending all claims drawn to the previously examined invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the previously examined invention because the previously examined claims were directed towards a method of manufacturing a valve stem; whereas the amended claims are directed towards a method of manufacturing a pressurized metered dose inhaler. The amended claims would require a different search and examination strategy since they are different and distinct from the previously examined claims.

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